



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION  
FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
<http://sbc.lacounty.gov>

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-1395)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Rita Hall

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Call to order. (12-1103)

**Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montaño led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the March 21, 2012 minutes.

**The Commission suggested the following corrections:**

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- **“Commissioner Bigby visited Life Circles Group Home 24 #4, on March 15, 2012 and reported that the exterior and interior of the home was in very poor condition...”**
- **Commissioners Hall and Grills visited Vista Del Mar Group Home 44 #1, on March 19, 2012 and reported that the staff requested they return when the director of the facility is present. (12-1107)**

**On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio, the minutes were approved as corrected.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for March 28, 2012. (12-1191)

**Chairperson Montano announced that Commissioner Anne Hill is injured and will be out on medical leave. Additionally, Commissioner Bigby was congratulated on her "Woman of the Year" award from the California State Assembly, 44th District on March 26, 2012.**

**The following articles were shared with the Commissioners:**

**Daily Breeze:**

- **"Lynwood a Remedy for Men's Jail Woes" (March 22, 2012)**
- **"Jails" (March 24, 2012)**
- **"Foster" (March 25, 2012)**
- **"Can Video Curb Jails' Violence" (March 24, 2012)**
- **"Help Often Fails Ex-foster Children" (March 25, 2012)**
- **"Overbilling Allegations Spur Sheriff's Bureau Audit" (March 28, 2012)**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **"Justice for Juveniles" (March 27, 2012)**

3. Treasurer's Report for March 28, 2012. (12-1192)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$552.46.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for March 28, 2012. (12-1194)

**There was no report given.**

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports for March 28, 2012. (12-1195)

**There was no report given.**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from March 22, 2012 to March 27, 2012. (12-1196)

**During the reporting period the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

- Norwalk Branch visited on March 27, 2012 by Chairperson Montaña
- Torrance Branch visited on March 26, 2012 by Chairperson Montaña
- Challenger Memorial Youth Center visited on March 22, 2012 by Chairperson Montaña and Commissioners Grills, Bigby, and Hall. Commissioners discussed concerns regarding the 36% of youth on serious psychotropic medication at this facility. Commissioner Grills indicated that there is no clear commitment to curing the youth and there is a need for intensive behavioral and mental health interventions to assist in gradually deterring youth off the medication. Commissioner Hall expressed the need to meet with the Board of Supervisors to advise them that the use of long-term psychotropic medication may result in liver and kidney damage.
- Heritage Group Homes - 20 #4 visited on March 27, 2012 by Vice Chairperson Bacio
- Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station visited on March 22, 2012 by Vice Chairperson Bacio
- Teen's Happy Home - 40 #4 visited on March 27, 2012 by Commissioners Hall and Grills

7. Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel, will introduce the new Counsel to the Commission. (12-1365)

**Jennifer Lehman introduced Michele Jackson as their new Counsel County.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-1197)

**There were no matters presented.**

**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-1198)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of March 28, 2012. (12-1199)

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.**